

Washington's Scenic and Recreational Highways Plan Update

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State Scenic and Recreational Highways



What is the Purpose of the Plan?

- Provide guidance to WSDOT programs.
- Inform other planning efforts like Washington's Transportation Plan.
- Provide heightened awareness of the value of the Scenic and Recreational Highways.
- Establish goals and performance measures.
- Meet state and federal planning requirements.

Scenic and Recreational Highways

“A scenic and recreational highways element, which shall identify and recommend designation of scenic and recreational highways, provide for enhanced access to scenic, recreational, and cultural resources associated with designated routes, and recommend a variety of management strategies to protect, preserve, and enhance these resources. The department, affected counties, cities, and towns, regional transportation planning organizations, and other state or federal agencies shall jointly develop this element”

Timeline for the Plan

	2009						2010	
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Public Involvement Process Begins								
Website and List-Serv Established								
Steering Committee Meetings								
Public Hearings								
Analysis of Available Data								
Background Paper 1: Practices, Policies and Procedures								
Background Paper 2: Develop Goals, Benchmarks, Performance Measures								
Develop Outline of the Plan								
Draft Plan Document								
60 Day Comment Period								
Final Plan Document								

Multi-Agency Steering Committee

- Association of Washington Cities
- Association of Washington Counties
- Cascade Bicycle Club
- Federal Highway Administration
- Local Byway Groups
- MPO/RTPO Coordinating Committee
- National Park Service
- National Forest Service
- State Dept. of Archeology and Historic Preservation
- State Dept. of Natural Resources
- State Growth Management Office
- State MainStreet Program
- State Office of Tourism
- State Parks
- State Recreation and Conservation Office
- Tribal Transportation Planning Council
- Washington State Transportation Commission



Questions To Be Addressed By the Plan

- What is the goal of the State Scenic and Recreational Highway System?
- What should priorities be?
- How do we discuss needs on the system?
- How should performance be measured?

Legislative Finding --1990

“The legislature finds that scenic and recreational highways are designated because of a need to develop management plans that will protect and preserve the scenic and recreational resources from loss through inappropriate development..”

State Law: RCW 47.39.020

Scenic and Recreational Highway Act of 1967

Funding Priorities - Signage

“The department of transportation shall place high priority on obtaining funds from those sources [National Scenic Byways and Transportation Enhancement] for further development of a scenic and recreational highways program, including enhancement projects on the designated scenic and recreational highway system. The department shall consider the use of the designated system by bicyclists and pedestrians in connection with non-motorized routes in the trails plan and the state bicycle plan...”

State Law: RCW 47.39.080

Scenic and Recreational Highway Act of 1967

Washington's Transportation Policy Goals

These policy goals are intended to be the basis for establishing detailed and measurable objectives and related performance measures...

Preservation: To maintain, preserve, and extend the life and utility of prior investments in transportation systems and services;

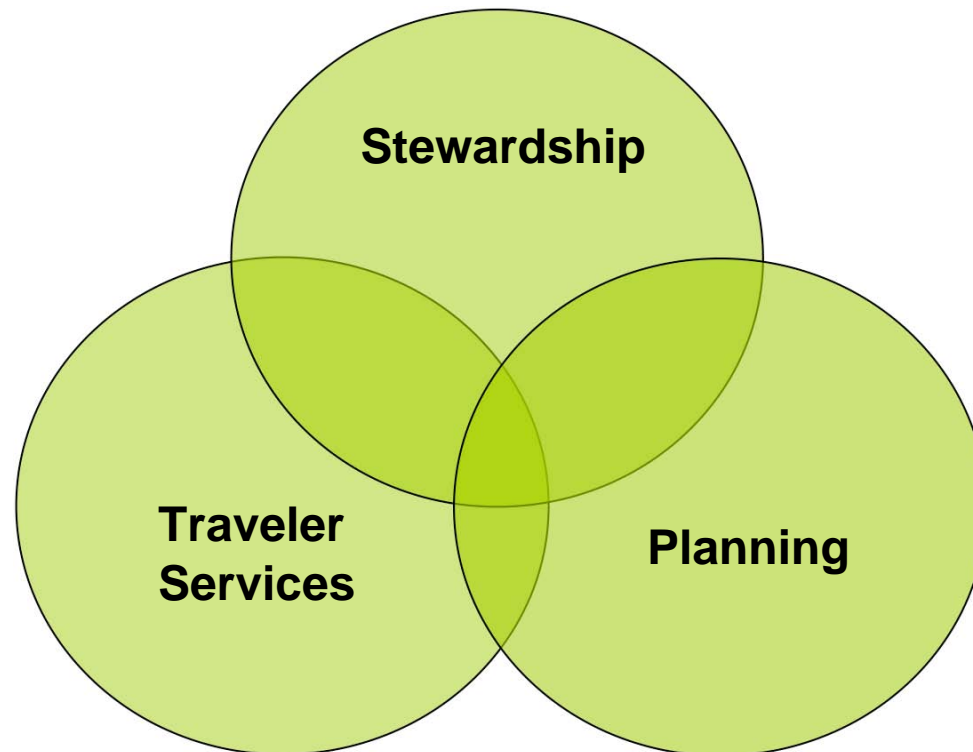
Safety: To provide for and improve the safety and security of transportation customers and the transportation system;

Mobility: To improve the predictable movement of goods and people throughout Washington state;

Environment: To enhance Washington's quality of life through transportation investments that promote energy conservation, enhance healthy communities, and protect the environment; and

Stewardship: To continuously improve the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the transportation system.

Elements of the Scenic and Recreational Highway System



How Do the 3 elements Relate to the Transportation Policy Goals?

Safety Policy Goal:

- **Traveler Services** – increasing and enhancing access

Environmental Policy Goal:

- **Stewardship** – protecting, preserving, enhancing resources
- **Planning** – developing and implementing management plans

Safety Goal

Increase traveler safety, traveler services, and public access on Washington's Scenic and Recreational Highways.

- *Safety Rest Areas*
- *Traveler Information and Signs*



Environmental Goal

Plan for, protect, preserve, and enhance resources associated with the State's Scenic and Recreational Highways.

- *Coordination with other levels of government about protection of resources*
- *Number of agreements in place for protection*



Questions?

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